

APPENDIX B

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The following resources will provide technical assistance to historic district study committees, historic district commissioners, property owners, municipal officials and others interested in local historic districts.

Research and Photography

A Manual for Historical and Architectural Surveys In Michigan. Hard copies are available from the State Historic Preservation Office free of charge. It is not available on-line.

The National Park Service publishes a number of informational bulletins for the National Register of Historic Places that should be used by historic district study committees when developing the historic district study committee report. These include:

- Bulletin 15: How to Apply the National Register Criteria*
- Bulletin 18: How to Evaluate and Nominate Designed Historic Landscapes*
- Bulletin 21: Defining Boundaries for National Register Properties*
- Bulletin 23: How to Improve the Quality of Photographs for National Register Nominations*
- Bulletin 30: Rural Historic Landscapes*
- Bulletin 39: How to Research Your Historic Property*
- Historic Residential Suburbs*

Downloadable versions of National Register Bulletins are available on the National Park Service (NPS) Links to the Past website at www.cr.nps.gov/nr/publications/bulletins.htm. Hard copies of the bulletins are also available: National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1849 C Street, NW #2280, Washington, DC 20240.

Technical Services

The NPS has also developed a website that addresses issues related to local historic districts:

Working on the Past in Local Historic Districts at [www2.cr.nps.gov/workingonthe past](http://www2.cr.nps.gov/workingonthe%20past)

The NPS Technical Preservation Services for Historic Buildings publishes a series of *Preservation Briefs* that describe historic materials and the best methods for repairing and preserving them. Preservation Briefs are located at www2.cr.nps.gov/tps/briefs/presbhom.htm.

The National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) is a non-profit organization that provides training and information to historic district commissions. The NAPC has established a database of design guidelines from around the country which can be accessed on their website at www.arches.uga.edu/~napc/

Architectural Styles

A number of architectural styles guides are readily available at bookstores and libraries including:

McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York: Alfred A Knopf. 1995.

Longstreth, Richard. *The Buildings of Main Street: A Guide to American Commercial Architecture*. Washington, DC: The Preservation Press, National Trust for Historic Preservation. 1987.